

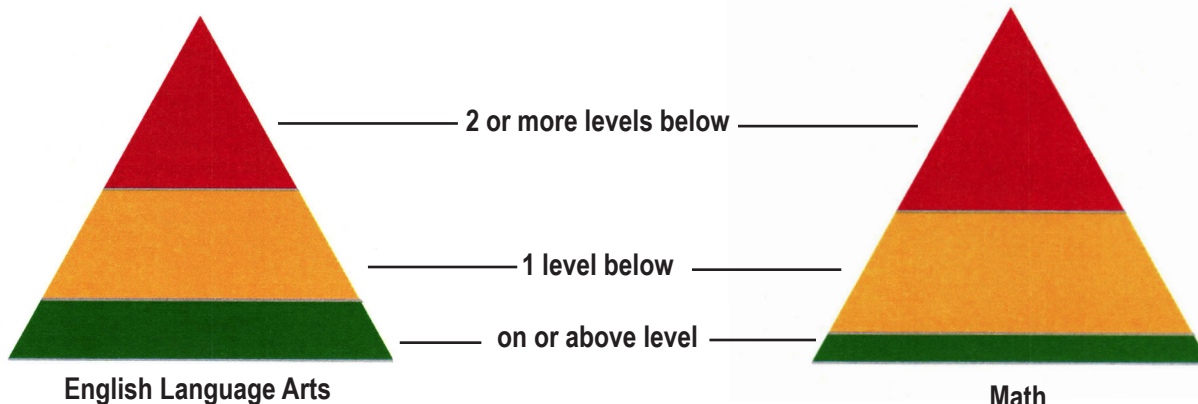
## Welcome Back Picnic

With almost 500 people in attendance, Discovery's annual Welcome Back Picnic was a rousing success! The Discovery PAC wishes to thank everyone who made this event possible: Mrs. Bella, Miss Margie, teachers and staff, DJ Nes, and the many parents who volunteered at the event to serve food, set up and clean up, supervise the bounce houses, and work the tattoo station. Lastly, thank you to all of you who brought food for everyone to share. We hope to do this again next year! Visit Discovery's Facebook page to see more pictures from the event.



## Fall i-Ready Assessment Results

Students recently concluded their i-Ready assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. This benchmark testing identifies each student's level of knowledge, as well as areas of improvement. The charts below represent schoolwide data in each subject. Students will take this benchmark test again in January.



## PAC Updates



### MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER

Great news: We reached our goal! Even better news: If you want to order more items, you can still order online. Visit [mixedbagdesigns.com](http://mixedbagdesigns.com) and enter our Fundraiser ID (708410). The school gets a portion of all sales through December 31st.



### LYMAN ORCHARDS & OTIS SPUNKMEYER FUNDRAISER

Our popular pie fundraiser is back, and this time we're adding cookie dough to the mix! Deadline for all orders is Tuesday, October 24th. Orders arrive just in time for Thanksgiving.



### SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

The Fall Scholastic Bookfair takes place the week of Report Card Conferences. Volunteers are needed throughout the week. Please visit the PAC Room to sign up to volunteer.

### A NOTE ON FUNDRAISERS

The PAC greatly appreciates your support of our fundraisers. Because of your participation, we are able to host events like the Back to School Picnic, as well as fund projects and supplies for the school. This month we donated one case (10 reams) of copy paper to each classroom in the building. Thank you for making this possible.



## Welcome, New Teachers

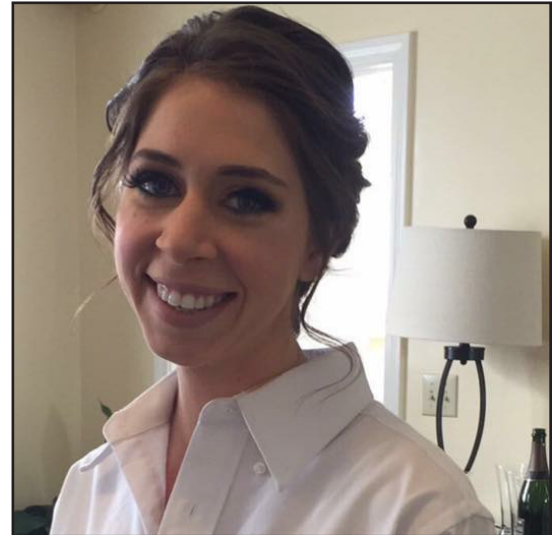
This year, we welcome two new teachers to our Discovery family. Get to know them here.

I'm from Rye, New York. I graduated from The College of New Rochelle with my masters in Early Childhood Special Education. I love working with children and guiding their development into becoming lifelong learners.

I was previously working in the Darien school system as a paraprofessional and prior to that as a preschool teacher in White Plains, NY.

I have two family dogs and am hoping to own a potbelly pig one day. I love coffee and anything sweet. In my spare time I enjoy refinishing old furniture and going for long walks.

I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful community and school, and am looking forward to a great school year.



**Monica Harris**  
**Pre-K 3 Teacher**



**Helena Coatsworth**  
**7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher**

Born in London, England, I moved to the United States when I was 9 years old. My family has lived in the Chicago area and in Connecticut. I have also lived in Vermont (attending boarding school at the Putney School) and Colorado (attending Colorado Mountain College outside Aspen and the University of Colorado in Boulder Colorado). I have two daughters, Madelyn and Charlotte, and we live in Fairfield. Although we don't have any pets at the moment, we have had a dog named Emma, two cats who were brothers, and a hamster named Darwin. We are looking to adopt a new pet soon.

Outside of work, I have many interests and hobbies. Among them are paddle boarding, surfing, scuba diving, kayaking, hiking, cooking, gardening, and traveling. My favorite places so far have been in the Caribbean. We usually go to Cape Cod in the summer where we all take surfing lessons, fly kites, take many spins around the go-cart track and enjoy watching outdoor movies at the drive-in theater.

I became a classroom teacher, I taught environmental education at SoundWaters, Inc, in Stamford and at the Maritime Aquarium. I recently completed my master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, which will be useful as we transition to the NGSS standards. I love what I do and looking forward to continuing to share the many wonders of science and the natural world with my students.

## New Junior Responders

by Mrs. Marilyn Carrasquillo

I am very proud to welcome our new batch of Junior Emergency Responders. Each year it becomes challenging to choose members because our students are so AMAZING! They were all selected for this new year through intense inquiries, their grades, and their dedication, responsibility, respect, honor, and commitment to our school and families in our community. They are very attentive and have volunteered to protect and serve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 275-1805.

- Rebecca de Souza (CPT)
- Nylah Lopez (LT)
- Nathan Billups (SGT)
- Alani Quinones
- Amanda Medeiros
- Anthony Catalan
- Anton Sookoo
- Ashley Oatmen
- Caroline Santos
- Cecilia Parreiras
- Celeste Quintanilla
- Emily Burgos
- Emmanuel Amazan
- Frances Wilder
- Giovanna Desousa
- HongAn Nguyen
- Izabella Quintanilla
- James Bragg-Phillips
- Jianna Appleby
- Jordan Ellis
- Kalaba Kibwe
- Kaya Indyk
- Kendall Davis
- Kyle Johnson
- Kymorah Wright
- Marissa Garcia
- Victoria Green
- Vinton Hines
- Xavier Sierra
- Zoe Curtin

### Did You Know?



When leaves change color in the fall, they are actually becoming their true color. In the summer, the chlorophyll (which is how the leaves receive nourishment from the sun) takes over and causes them to turn green and hide their color.

## Save the Date



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